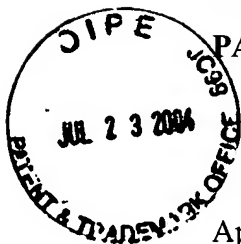


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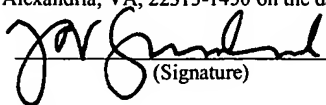
Sir:

This is a response to the nonfinal Office Action mailed on January 23, 2004 in connection with the above-identified application. The time set for filing a response to the Office Action expired on April 23, 2004. Applicant hereby submits a petition for a three-month extension of time and encloses a check for the associated fee. Accordingly, the time for responding to the Office Action now expires on July 23, 2004 and this response is timely filed.

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